



MEDIA ADVISORY

Today's Date: April 20, 2011
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CALTRANS STATEWIDE LITTER PICKUP DAY

WHO: The Caltrans District 10 Maintenance field crews.

WHAT: The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will participate in a statewide Litter Removal and Enforcement Day.

WHEN: Friday, April 22, 2011

WHERE: Along the freeways and roadways in the eight counties serviced by Caltrans District 10.

Caltrans is holding its annual statewide Litter Removal and Enforcement Day on Earth Day, Friday, April 22, 2011. This activity is to enhance public awareness of the volume and cost associated with removing litter, trash and debris by removing litter along the highways and roadways

Last year, Caltrans spent almost \$50 million on litter removal throughout the State Highway System. Over 141,000 cubic yards of letter were collected and disposed. That's about 8,860 Caltrans garbage trucks full of litter.

The best anti-litter campaign is to ensure trash never makes it onto our highways in the first place.

In addition to the economic costs, litter presents a wide range of serious threats to the environment and human health: Wildlife can suffer from plastics in the environment; roadside vegetation can be damaged by large debris; fires can be started from burning cigarettes that can threaten human health; harmful chemicals and biohazards can cause a serious threat to human health, litter can clog roadway drainage systems that can lead to wet-weather highway flooding, congestion, and accidents. Litter can aid in the spread of disease.

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Caltrans maintenance crews will pick up litter in the eight counties serviced by Caltrans District 10. Residents in Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tuolumne County will see crews working on highways and freeways throughout the day removing litter and debris discarded by the public. Please see attachment for where crews will be in your area.

For the safety of the additional employees that will be on the roadway picking up litter, please Slow For the Cone Zone.

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For more information on the Adopt-A-Highway Program, please visit www.adopt-a-highway.dot.ca.gov or call Kathy Cockayne, District 10 Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator, at (209) 948-7462.

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